

I thought my Mother, and my Brother *Torke*,
Would long ere this, haue met vs on the way.
Fie, what a *Slug* is *Hastings*, that he comes not
To tell vs, whether they will come, or no.

Enter Lord *Hastings*.

Buck. And in good time, heere comes the sweating
Lord.

Prince. Welcome, my Lord: what, will our Mother
come?

Hast. On what occasion God he knowes, not I;
The *Queene* your Mother, and your Brother *Torke*,
Haue taken Sanctuary: The tender *Prince*
Would faine haue come with me, to meet your Grace,
But by his Mother was perforce withheld.

Buck. Fie, what an indirect and peeuish course
Is this of hers? Lord *Cardinall*, will your Grace
Perswade the *Queene*, to send the Duke of *Yorke*
Vnto his Princely Brother presently?
If she denie, Lord *Hastings*, goe with him,
And from her ielous Armes pluck him perforce.

Card. My Lord of *Buckingham*, if my weake Oratorie
Can from his Mother winne the Duke of *Yorke*,
Anon expect him here: but if she be obdurate
To milde entreaties, God forbid
We should infringe the holy Priuiledge
Of blessed Sanctuary: not for all this Land,
Would I be guiltie of so great a sinne.

Buck. You are too fencelesse obstinate, my Lord,
Too ceremonious, and traditionall.
Weigh it but with the grossefesse of this Age,
You breake not Sanctuary, in seizing him:
The benefit thereof is alwayes granted
To those, whose dealings haue deseru'd the place,
And those who haue the wit to claime the place:
This *Prince* hath neyther claym'd it, nor deseru'd it,
And therefore, in mine opinion, cannot haue it.
Then taking him from thence, that is not there,
You breake no Priuiledge, nor Charter there:
Oft haue I heard of Sanctuary men,
But Sanctuary children, ne're till now.

Card. My Lord, you shall o're-rule my mind for once.
Come on, Lord *Hastings*, will you goe with me?

Hast. I goe, my Lord. Exit *Cardinall* and *Hastings*.

Prince. Good Lords, make all the speedie hast you may.
Say, *Vnckle Gloucester*, if our Brother come,
Where shall we sojourn, till our Coronation?

Glo. Where it think't best vnto your Royall selfe.
If I may counsaile you, some day or two
Your Highnesse shall repose you at the Tower:
Then where you please, and shall be thought most fit
For your best health, and recreation.

Prince. I doe not like the Tower, of any place:
Did *Julius Caesar* build that place, my Lord?

Buck. He did, my gracious Lord, begin that place,
Which since, succeeding Ages haue re-edify'd.

Prince. Is it vpon record? or else reported
Successfully from age to age, he built it?

Buck. Vpon record, my gracious Lord.

Prince. But say, my Lord, it were not registred,
Me thinks the truth should liue from age to age,
As 'were retayl'd to all posteritie,
Euen to the generall ending day.

Glo. So wise, so young, they say doe neuer liue long.

Prince. What say you, *Vnckle*?

Glo. I say, without Characters, Fame liues long.
Thus, like the formall Vice, Iniquitie,
I morallize two meanings in one word.

Prince. That *Julius Caesar* was a famous man,
With what his Valour did enrich his Wit,
His Wit set downe, to make his Valour liue:
Death makes no Conquest of his Conqueror,
For now he liues in Fame, though not in Life.
He tell you what, my Cousin *Buckingham*.

Buck. What, my gracious Lord?

Prince. And if I liue vntill I be a man,
He win our ancient Right in France againe,
Or dye a Souldier, as I liu'd a King.

Glo. Short Summers lightly haue a forward Spring.

Enter young *Torke*, *Hastings*, and *Cardinall*.

Buck. Now in good time, heere comes the Duke of
Yorke.

Prince. *Richard* of *Yorke*, how fares our Noble Bro-
ther?

Torke. Well, my deare Lord, so must I call you now.

Prince. I, Brother, to our griefe, as it is yours.
Too late he dy'd, that might haue kept that Title,
Which by his death hath lost much Maiestie.

Glo. How fares our Cousin, Noble Lord of *Yorke*?

Torke. I thanke you, gentle *Vnckle*. O my Lord,
You said, that idle Weeds are fast in growth:
The *Prince*, my Brother, hath out-growne me farre.

Glo. He hath, my Lord.

Torke. And therefore is he idle?

Glo. Oh my faire Cousin, I must not say so.

Torke. Then he is more beholding to you, then I.

Glo. He may command me as my Soueraigne,
But you haue power in me, as in a Kinsman.

Torke. I pray you, *Vnckle*, giue me this Dagger.

Glo. My Dagger, little Cousin? with all my heart.

Prince. A Begger, Brother?

Torke. Of my kind *Vnckle*, that I know will giue,
And being but a Toy, which is no griefe to giue.

Glo. A greater gift then that, He giue my Cousin.

Torke. A greater gift? O, that's the Sword to it.

Glo. I, gentle Cousin, were it light enough.

Torke. O then I see, you will part but with light gifts,
In weightier things you'll say a Begger nay.

Glo. It is too weightie for your Grace to weare.

Torke. I weigh it lightly, were it heauier.

Glo. What, would you haue my Weapon, little Lord?

Torke. I would that I might thanke you, as, as, you
call me.

Glo. How?

Torke. Little.

Prince. My Lord of *Yorke* will still be crosse in talke:
Vnckle, your Grace knowes how to beare with him.

Torke. You meane to beare me, not to beare with me:
Vnckle, my Brother mockes both you and me,

Because that I am little, like an Ape,
He thinks that you should beare me on your shoulders.

Buck. With what a sharpe prouided wit he reasons:
To mitigate the scorne he giues his *Vnckle*,

He prettily and aptly taunes himselfe:
So cunning, and so young, is wonderfull.

Glo. My Lord, wilt please you passe along?

My selfe, and my good Cousin *Buckingham*,

Will to your Mother, to entreat of her
To meet you at the Tower, and welcome you.

Torke. What,

Torke. What, will you goe vnto the Tower, my Lord?
Prince. My Lord Protector will haue it so.

Torke. I shall not sleepe in quiet at the Tower.

Glo. Why, what should you feare?

Torke. Marry, my *Vnckle Clarence* angry Ghost:
My Grandam told me he was murder'd there.

Prince. I feare no *Vnckles* dead.

Glo. Nor none that liue, I hope.

Prince. And if they liue, I hope I need not feare.

But come my Lord: and with a heauie heart,

Thinking on them, goe I vnto the Tower.

A *Sennet*. Exit *Prince*, *Torke*, *Hastings*, and *Dorset*.

Manet *Richard*, *Buckingham*, and *Catesby*.

Buck. Thinke you, my Lord, this little prating *Torke*
Was not incensed by his subtle Mother,
To taunt and scorne you thus opprobriously?

Glo. No doubt, no doubt: Oh 'tis a perillous Boy,
Bold, quicke, ingenious, forward, capable:

Hee is all the Mothers, from the top to toe.

Buck. Well, let them rest: Come hither *Catesby*,

Thou art sworne as deeply to effect what we intend,
As closely to concale what we impart:

Thou know'st our reasons vrg'd vpon the way.

What think'st thou? is it not an easie matter,
To make *William* Lord *Hastings* of our minde,

For the installment of this Noble Duke
In the Seat Royall of this famous Ile?

Cates. He for his fathers sake so loues the *Prince*,
That he will not be wonne to ought against him.

Buck. What think'st thou then of *Stanley*? Will
not hee?

Cates. Hee will doe all in all as *Hastings* doth.

Buck. Well then, no more but this:

Goe gentle *Catesby*, and as it were farre off,
Sound thou Lord *Hastings*,

How he doth stand affected to our purpose,
And summon him to morrow to the Tower,
To sit about the Coronation.

If thou do'st finde him tractable to vs,
Encourage him, and tell him all our reasons:

If he be leaden, ycie, cold, vnwilling,
Be thou so too, and so breake off the talke,

And giue vs notice of his inclination:
For we to morrow hold diuided Councels,

Wherein thy selfe shalt highly be employ'd.

Rich. Commend me to Lord *William*: tell him *Catesby*,
His ancient Knot of dangerous Adversaries
To morrow are let blood at Pomfret Castle,
And bid my Lord, for ioy of this good newes,
Giue *Mistresse Shore* one gentle Kisse the more.

Buck. Good *Catesby*, goe effect this businesse soundly.

Cates. My good Lords both, with all the heed I can.

Rich. Shall we heare from you, *Catesby*, ere we sleepe?

Cates. You shall, my Lord.

Rich. At *Crosby* House, there shall you find vs both.

Exit *Catesby*.

Buck. Now, my Lord,

What shall wee doe, if wee perceiue
Lord *Hastings* will not yeeld to our Complots?

Rich. Chop off his Head:

Something wee will determine:
And looke when I am King, claime thou of me
The Earldome of Hereford, and all the moueables
Whereof the King, my Brother, was possesse.

Buck. He claime that promise at your Graces hand.
Rich. And looke to haue it yeelded with all kindnesse.
Come, let vs suppe betimes, that afterwards
Wee may digest our complots in some forme.

Exeunt.

Scena Secunda.

Enter a Messenger to the Doore of *Hastings*.

Mess. My Lord, my Lord.

Hast. Who knockes?

Mess. One from the Lord *Stanley*.

Hast. What is't a Clocke?

Mess. Vpon the stroke of foure.

Enter Lord *Hastings*.

Hast. Cannot my Lord *Stanley* sleepe these tedious
Nights?

Mess. So it appeares, by that I haue to say:
First, he commends him to your Noble selfe.

Hast. What then?

Mess. Then certifies your Lordship, that this Night
He dreamt, the Bore had ras'd off his Helme:

Besides, he sayes there are two Councels kept;

And that may be determin'd at the one,
Which may make you and him to rue at th'other.

Therefore he sends to know your Lordships pleasure,
If you will presently take Horse with him,

And with all speed post with him toward the North,
To shun the danger that his Soule diuines.

Hast. Goe fellow, goe, returne vnto thy Lord,
Bid him not feare the seperated Councell:

His Honor and my selfe are at the one,
And at the other, is my good friend *Catesby*;

Where nothing can proceede, that toucheth vs,
Whereof I shall not haue intelligence:

Tell him his Feares are shallow, without instance.
And for his Dreames, I wonder hee's so simple,

To trust the mock'ry of vniuerse slumbers.
To flye the Bore, before the Bore pursues,

Were to incense the Bore to follow vs,
And make pursuit, where he did meane no chase.

Goe, bid thy Master rise, and come to me,
And we will both together to the Tower,

Where he shall see the Bore will vse vs kindly.

Mess. He goe, my Lord, and tell him what you say.

Exit.

Enter *Catesby*.

Cates. Many good morrowes to my Noble Lord.

Hast. Good morrow *Catesby*, you are early stirring:

What newes, what newes, in this our tott'ring State?

Cates. It is a reeling World indeed, my Lord:

And I beleue will neuer stand vpright,
Till *Richard* weare the Garland of the Realme.

Hast. How weare the Garland?

Doest thou meane the Crowne?

Cates. I, my good Lord.

Hast. He haue this Crown of mine cut fro my shoulders,

Before he see the Crowne so foule mis-plac'd:

But canst thou guess, that he doth ayme at it?

Cates. I.